JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 19, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The August 19, 2024, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Connect to Culture.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Doris Carlin, Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Ryan Jackson, Doug Lawson, and Gary Shaw. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

DORA Design Update

Paul Bloomberg, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jay Worshclager from SWT Architecture presented.

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update

Travis Stephens, President of the Chamber presented.

Council in the Park Proposal

Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Have a teen getting behind the wheel soon? The Joplin Health Department is hosting a free First Impact teen driver program on Thursday, August 29. The program is designed to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities, injuries and accidents among teen drivers through education and support of both the parents and their new driver.

Parents and teenage drivers, whether recent, new, or soon-to-be, can learn more about safe driving together. The event will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Joplin Mineral and History Museum at 504 S Schifferdecker Avenue. The class is free, but registration is required.

For more information, call 417-623-6122, ext. 1286, or find the news release on the city's website at joplinmo.org. URL for Course sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA5A92CA3FDC16-48304253-keeping

Citizens interested in helping our community have opportunities to get involved with a City Board or Commission. Serving on a board or commission allows citizens to provide input on the policies that shape their government and city. As a volunteer, board members can meet other residents with similar interests, learn about the city, and help shape the community's future.

The City has over 20 organizations that citizens may serve on, and citizens can designate which board or commission they are applying for to offer their services. These groups serve in diverse roles, including assessing needs, reviewing plans and policies, and providing guidance on projects and programs.

Joplin citizens who are registered voters of the State of Missouri may submit applications to serve. The City Council makes appointments to these organizations semi-annually or "as needed". A full listing of the boards and commissions, with openings noted, is available on the City's website, www.joplinmo.org.

Questions can be directed to the City Clerk's office at hnagy@joplinmo.org or 417-624-0820, ext. 1220. The City's annual Auction is set for Saturday, September 14. The Auction begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be held in the Street Maintenance Barn northwest of the Public Works Center on West 2nd Street.

Merchandise to be auctioned will be available for viewing from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, September 13, and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 14, before the start of the auction. Staff is currently gathering and organizing items for the auction. The list will be posted on the City's website in the upcoming weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Brian Evans spoke on behalf of Mary Price regarding Council, ARPA Grant & other issues.

Brian Evans spoke regarding fiscal accountability of taxpayer money and fair treatment of citizen interests.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-282

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Andrew Seamiller spoke in favor of this item.
Norman Cramer, Andrew Cramer spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-282

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-282- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate an alley way, lying near property described as 1036 S Range Line Rd, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. (Requested by Seneca Enterprises, LLC. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval). Motion by Mr. Copple second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-282 be **tabled** and sent back to Zoning and Planning Commission for reconsideration of newly proposed truck route. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

A break was taken at 8:22 PM. Reconvened at 8:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Minutes of the August 5, 2024, City Council meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-002- AN ORDINANCE re-adopting Chapter 2, Administration, of the Joplin City Code, Section 2-107, "Financial interest disclosure", requiring certain officials and employees of the City of Joplin to file Financial Interest Disclosure Statements as described herein. **Ordinance No. 2024-095.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-126 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Armor Equipment (Sourcewell Contract #101221-SCA), in the amount of Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and 89/100 Cents ($312,938.89) for the purchase of a 2024 800-HDR-ECO Series IV Truck Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2024-096.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-130 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Goins Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of One Million, Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS ($1,777,700.00) for the Tin Cup Lift Station and Pressure Line Improvement Section 1 (Lift Station) and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, and setting a date when the ordinance shall become effective.
Ordinance No. 2024-097.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-131 - AN ORDINANCE approving Amendment 1 to Work Authorization AND-15th ST. EXT-001 with OWN, Inc. (formerly Anderson Engineering) in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine and 00/100 dollars ($165,499.00) for professional engineering services for the East 15th Street Extension project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2024-098.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-279 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Economic Security Corporation to administer all activities and complete the Joplin Homeowners Rehabilitation Program provided through a American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Revitalization Program; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2024-099.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-616 - AN ORDINANCE approving a contract by and between the City of Joplin and Bentek, LLC, a Florida limited liability company in the not to exceed amount of $50,000 for Benefit Administration SaaS and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2024-100.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-617 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Springfield Sign and Graphics Inc., a Missouri Corporation, d/b/a Springfield Sign, for the purpose of completing three wayfinding projects for the not-to-exceed price of Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars ($31,437.00) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2024-101.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-620 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Joplin Police Department and Ozark Center for the purpose of integrating a social work program within police department. **Ordinance No. 2024-102.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-363

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No, 2024-363 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Big Johns for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1202/1204 S Wall Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety ($8,990.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2024-363 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-103.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-364

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-364 – AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Big Johns for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 219 N Pearl Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Seven Hundred dollars ($6,700.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill No. 2024-364 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-104**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-365

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2024-365 – AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2025 S Byers Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand dollars ($4,000.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2024-365 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-105.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-366

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-366 – AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 810 Missouri Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($4,500.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2024-366 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-106.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-367

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-367 – AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and B&D Yardbuilders for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 320 S Winfield Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-one dollars ($4,921.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill No. 2024-367 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-107.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-621

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2024-621 – An Ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of Joplin and the City of Carthage for participation in the Missouri Division of Tourism, Marketing Match Grant Program, in the City of Joplin, Missouri; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill No. 2024-621 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-108.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-508

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-508 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a supplemental Transportation Enhancements Funds Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the construction of the Grand Falls Trail Project in the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said supplemental agreement for and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-508 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-277

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-277 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with ALLO Communications LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, for the purpose of ALLO installing, maintaining, and operating facilities for communications related services including but not limited to wholesale broadband transmission service to Internet Service Providers within the City's Rights-of-Way and ensuring compliance with the City's requirements of such use of City property; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2024-277 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2024-109.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-278

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-278 - AN ORDINANCE approving the First Amendment for Consulting Services "First Amendment" and Work Authorization 3 with Alvarez and Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects LLP to provide administrative services for Phase 2 implementing broadband and connectivity solutions in the not to exceed amount of Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and No Cents ($836,897.00) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-278 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2024-110.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-619

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-619 - AN ORDINANCE approving a CMAR Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Branco Enterprises Inc., for general conditions, terms, and pre-construction services of the Ewert Splash Park Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-619 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Nay: Jackson, 1. **Ordinance No. 2024-111.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Excess Surplus Property for the Annual City of Joplin Auction on September 14, 2024.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard to declare excess surplus property for the annual city of Joplin Auction on September 14, 2024. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that item concerning the disposition of the old freeman hospital at 2028 South Seargent to come back in front of the full council once again.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson is in disagreement with bringing the item back. Mr. Jackson stated that it is his belief that the item should go back to the Building Board of Appeals. Mr. Copple asked about the history of this building going to the Building Board of Appeals. Mr. Bard also expressed disagreement with bringing the item back.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson and Shaw, 6. Nays: Bard, Farnham, Jackson, 3. This item will come back at a future Council meeting with a new Council Bill number.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information as set forth in Section 610.021(3) RSMo, as amended, 2020, more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed to the extent provided by law. The City Council shall adjourn at the end of the session.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Shaw to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk